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**From:** Kwok, Rose  
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**To:** Poeske, Regina;Fertik, Rachel;Hurld, Kathy  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Nominations of Experts for a Science Advisory Board Panel To Review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters

Hi Regina,

I had emailed our ORD contact as well about this yesterday (she was out of the office), and this is what she had to say:

"Hydric soils science is essential to understanding wetland connectivity, therefore such nominations are appropriate.

The large categories subsume lots of relevant field of study. For example, "geology" was the SAB's addition, though I argued against it. They prefer high level categories, and consider fluvial geomorphology to be a sub-discipline of geology. If we had put hydric soils science in as a category, we would have been asked to use "soils science" instead. My hope was that we would capture the needed expertise with the emphasis on connectivity."

Please feel free to pass along the message to John that we absolutely encourage himself and other qualified hydric soil scientists to respond to the call for nominations and that the SAB prefers high level categories, so the non-mention of soil science isn't meant to discourage such experts from applying, but we definitely recognize the importance of the field to understanding connectivity.

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**From:** Poeske, Regina  
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Thanks Rachel. If you hear anything and can share I would appreciate the info.

Regina